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SUBJ: A NEW STUDY: SWEDISH ENERGY SUPPLY ALTERNATIVES UP TO THE
YEAR 2000

1. THE SWEDISH BOARD FOR ENERGY RESEARCH (DFE - DELEGATIONEN FOR
ENERGIFORSKNING) PUBLISHED A REPORT ON JULY 7 ENTITLED "ENERGY
SUPPLY ALTERNATIVE FOR SWEDEN - YEAR 2000", (ENERGIFORSORJNING
ALTERNATIVEFOR SVERIGE AR 2000). THE DFE WAS ESTABLISHED ON
JUNE 12, 1975 TO "ANALYZE THE R&D EFFORT IN THE ENERGY AREA AND
TO FOLLOW THESE (EFFORTS).

2. DFE'S REPORT USES THE GOVERNMENT'S ENERGY BILL (BILL 1975:30),
AS PASSED BY THE PARLIAMENT ON MAY 28, 1975, AND ITS POINT OF
DEPARTURE (SEE 75 STOCKHOLM A-334). EFA-000 (THE REPORT'S SHORT
TITLE) IS NOT A FORCAST OF EXPECTED ENERGY CONSUMPTION, BUT IT
DESCRIBES DIFFERENT ALTERNATIVES FOR ENERGY PRODUCTION BASED ON
CERTAIN CONSUMPTION LEVELS.

3. EFA-200 PRESENTS TWO ENERGY ALTERNATIVE COURSES THAT SWEDEN
MAY FOLLOW UP TO 2000. (A) HIGH ALTERNATIVE, WHICH MEANS AN
INCREASE FROM 465 TO 499 TWH BY THE END OF THE CENTURY. IF THIS
COURSE IS FOLLOWED, THEN THE GOS WILL CONTINUE WITH THE PARLIA-
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MENT'S 1975 ENERGY DECISION (BILL 1975:30), AND (1) CONTINUE THE
NUCLEAR POWER PLANT PROGRAM FOR A TOTAL OF 13 REACTORS,
(2) INCREASE HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER PRODUCTION BY 10 PERCENT,
(3) MINE URANIUM SHALES IN NARKE AND VASTERGOTALAND,
(4) CONTINUE TO CONTRACT FOR REPROCESSING SPENT NUCLEAR FUEL
ABROAD, AND (5) PURSUE A STRONG AND EFFECTIVE ENERGY SAVINGS
POLICY; (B) LOW ALTERNATIVE, WHICH MEANS AN INCREASE FROM 365

TO 391 TWH BY THE YEAR 2000. THIS ALTERNATIVE REQUIRES THE SAME MEASURES AS IN THE HIGH ALTERNATIVE REPORT, EXCEPT, (1) A HEAVIER INVESTMENT IN NEW TECHNOLOGY AND A MORE SEVERE ENERGY ECONOMY WILL BE NEEDED, AND (2) A TOTAL OF 10 NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS WILL BE REQUIRED.

4. COMMENT: THE DFE REPORT MAKES IT VERY CLEAR THAT SWEDEN NEEDS NUCLEAR POWER NO MATTER WHAT ENERGY ALTERNATIVE IS PURSUED. EFA-2000 IS NOT LIKELY TO PLEASE THE OPPONENTS OF NUCLEAR POWER EITHER IN OR OUTSIDE THE GOVERNMENT FOR ITS THEME COUNTERS THE EFFORT TO "HALT THE MARCH INTO A NUCLEAR SOCIETY". NEVERTHELESS, THE REPORT WILL PROVIDE A BASIS FOR THE DIRECTION OF THE FUTURE SWEDISH ENERGY R&D PROGRAM AND IT WILL BE AN IMPORTANT DOCUMENT IN THE ENERGY POLICY DEBATES SCHEDULED IN PARLIAMENT IN THE SPRING OF 1978. A MORE DETAILED ANALYSIS OF EFA-2000 WILL BE PROVIDED AFTER RECEIPT OF THE OFFICIAL VERSION SOMETIME NEXT WEEK.
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